

ORDER NO. 13 09 1  
ENTERED MAR 18 2013

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of Housekeeping Changes to  
OAR 860-027-0015, New Construction  
Budget.

ORDER

**DISPOSITION: MODIFICATIONS TO RULE ADOPTED**

This proceeding was convened to reconcile OAR 860-027-0015 with changes to the statutes that were effective in 2006 as a result of the 2005 Senate Bill 600. This rulemaking proposed to eliminate confusion about the applicability of the new construction budget reporting requirements by eliminating “and large telecommunications utilities” from the rule language.

On November 15, 2012, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon filed a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Statement of Need and Fiscal Impact with the Secretary of State. On that same day notice was provided to all interested persons on the service lists maintained pursuant to OAR 860-001-0030(1)(b) and to certain legislators specified in ORS 183.335(1)(d). Notice of the rulemaking was published in the December 2012 *Oregon Bulletin*.

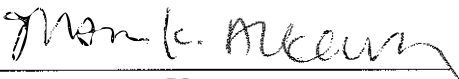
As specified in the notice, the deadline for filing written comments was close of business, December 28, 2012. Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural, filed written comments supporting the proposed modifications to the rule and suggesting changing the due date for the subject report and the due date in OAR 860-027-0005. We find that the proposed changes to the due dates are outside the scope of the notice for this rulemaking. NW Natural’s comments regarding changes to the reporting due dates were referred to Commission Staff for consideration in a future rulemaking. No other written comments were received. The proposed modifications to OAR 860-027-0015 should be adopted.

**ORDER**


IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The modifications to Oregon Administrative Rule 860-027-0015, as shown in Appendix A, are adopted.
2. The rule changes become effective upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Made, entered, and effective MAR 18 2013.

  
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**Susan K. Ackerman**  
Chair

  
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**John Savage**  
Commissioner

  
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**Stephen M. Bloom**  
Commissioner



A person may petition the Public Utility Commission of Oregon for the amendment or repeal of a rule under ORS 183.390. A person may petition the Oregon Court of Appeals to determine the validity of a rule under ORS 183.400.

**860-027-0015**

**New Construction Budget**

Each energy ~~and large telecommunications~~ utility operating within Oregon is required to file annually on or before December 31 on forms approved by the Commission information on new construction, extensions, and additions to the utility's property.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 183, ORS 756, & ORS 757 ~~& ORS 759~~

Stats. Implemented: ORS 756.105, & ORS 757.105 ~~& ORS 759.100~~